

ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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School Principal: Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty **Outside School Hours Care Coordinator:** Ashleigh Stacpoole

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th October 2017

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 16 October : 6.30am

Wednesday 18 October: 9am

Saint Luke

Thursday 19 October: 9am

Friday 20 October: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

(1st Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30pm)

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

OCTOBER

• Monday 16th

Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm

Parish Office

• Tuesday 17th

Finance Meeting 6.00pm Parish

Office

• Wednesday 18th

Parish Office closed

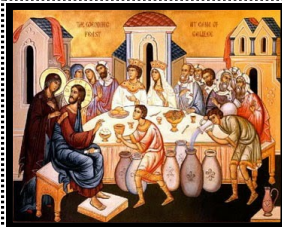
• Monday 23rd

SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish

Office

October

*Month of the
Holy Rosary*



*On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever.
(From the Prophet Isaiah)*

Dear friends,

The above image is of the wedding feast of Cana. While the readings this Sunday are not about Cana, they are about feasts and weddings. The glorious imagery of the first reading from the prophet Isaiah describes the promise of God's kingdom in all its magnificence. The gospel is about a wedding, where the invitees refuse to attend. Maybe the wine list wasn't good enough.

We live in a world of comfortable abundance — at least, in our little corner of it. We have more or less everything that we need, certainly at a material level, to live a happy and fulfilled life. At the same time, we are haunted by the possibility that the good times might dry-up and our lives of contented prosperity might turn to dust. So we get panicked by any hint of scarcity; scarcity in money, food, water, power supply, opportunities, or even bargains. The prospect of "scarcity" scares us. This fear becomes real for us because, quite probably, we are placing our faith in all the wrong things. We know that material things won't last, yet we yearn for them as if they are our salvation. When we mistake our status before others as being more important than our status before God, then we end-up attending all the wrong parties. And here's the paradox; God invites us to discover and embrace our poverty — what we lack, our limitations and humiliations. That's why God prepares a feast that only "the poor" can attend. It is only when we discover and acknowledge our hunger that we can truly celebrate a feast in all its richness.

We have all kinds of distractions and options in our modern world. We can find all kinds of ways of avoiding our own poverty and shame, by putting on a successful face to all the world. However, in truth, we know that such pretence isn't much of a party or celebration. Avoiding the invitation to discover our true selves is more hard work than its worth. It's much easier to admit that we are poor and hungry and need of the feast of Divine love.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

We need credible witnesses. And when we have no witness, perhaps life goes well, we earn well, we have a profession, a good job, a family ... but we are men and women who are 'parked' in life; that is, we do not go ahead, we do not move on. Like conformists: everything is a question of habit, a habit that keeps us tranquil, we have what we need, nothing is lacking, thank God... Take a risk on noble ideas, risk dirtying your hands. When we are more or less calm in life, there is always the temptation of paralysis. ... Go towards problems, come out of yourself and take risks.

Clayfield Conversations

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was interviewed by the English religious journal *The Tablet* last week. Here is an excerpt of the interview. It can be viewed in full on *The Tablet* website.

Archbishop Coleridge Interview

A Vatican statement on Saturday said the Australian Bishops' conference held meetings with various offices of the Holy See last week. Can you explain the context behind them and why they took place?

The Catholic Church in Australia is now facing the greatest crisis in her relatively brief history. This is not just because of the Royal Commission, but the Royal Commission has been a mighty catalyst in the process that has led to the crisis. This is recognised by many in Rome, not least by Archbishop Paul Gallagher, currently the Secretary for Relations with States and formerly Apostolic Nuncio in Australia. Earlier this year the Secretariat of State invited Archbishop [Denis] Hart [President of the Australian Bishops' Conference] and me to come to Rome for discussions and to bring with us anyone of our choosing. We decided to invite Justice Neville Owen, Chair of the Truth Justice and Healing Council that has coordinated the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission. The point of the discussions was to exchange information and to consider ways of working together more effectively to address the crisis which was seen as a moment of both threat and opportunity.

One of the topics discussed was the Royal Commission into child sexual abuse. When are you expecting it to report, and what sort of impact do you expect it to have on Catholicism in Australia?

The Royal Commission will present its Final Report on 15 December 2017. It will be a multi-volume Report which will take time to read and absorb. It will contain many recommendations to the governments of Australia who will ultimately have to decide what to do with the recommendations. The Royal Commission has already had a huge impact on the Church in Australia, and the Final Report will make the impact still greater. The Church has been shaken to the core, or as one well-informed voice has said, "It has broken the heart of the Church in this land". Yet there's a searing grace in this, summoning the whole Church to a greater authenticity. In this, the call of the Royal Commission and the call of Pope Francis converge in what looks to be one of the strange disruptions of the Holy Spirit.

There have been a lot of negative headlines about the Church in Australia, but on the ground it still retains a significant presence through its parishes, schools and hospitals. The influx of immigrants has also boosted numbers. What is the state of play in the Australian church?

It's true that the Catholic Church remains a significant presence in Australia because of our education, health care and social welfare agencies (largely government-funded). But our social and political influence has waned greatly, as has our moral authority; and this has happened at a time when Australia is debating issues of great social importance. The bishops have far less clout than once was and are regarded more or less benignly as stake-holders to be managed rather than leaders to be listened to. It's clear then that the Church here is passing through a time of deep, painful and permanent change – which is why the bishops have decided for a Plenary Council, which was also discussed in our meeting in Rome. The Plenary Council will have to make bold decisions about the future, taking into account the changed and changing facts on the ground. One of the most obvious new facts is the growing importance of the so-called ethnic communities, in which much of the Church's real spiritual energy is now found. They are no longer exotic satellites.

COMMEMORATION OF 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Paul Smith, Lutheran Church of Australia, Queensland District invite you to a Commemoration of 500 Years of Reformation to be held at The Performing Arts Centre Auditorium, St Peter's Lutheran College, 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly from 7.00pm-9.30pm on Wednesday 1 November 2017. Supper concludes. **Please RSVP** by Monday 23 October to Margaret Naylor Email: naylornm@bne.catholic.net.au or Phone 3324 3453

REUNION

If you attended Holy Cross Convent and sat for the Scholarship Examination in 1953, please come to a reunion (Thursday 23 November 5-7pm) we are holding. Anyone who was in this class and left before Scholarship is also very welcome to attend. Please contact Patricia McGregor (Pat Lane) on trishmcgregor40@bigpond.com or 3397 7924

The Parish Office will be closed on
Wednesday 18 October.

2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS
For sale at the Piety Stall - \$9.00 each



With great joy we welcome
**Sadie Edwards, Maximilian Klibbe,
Molly Power, Theodore Pyers and
Evelyn Simpson** who will be baptised
this weekend.



Sunday 15 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for the well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. Heavenly Father, grant true peace and comfort to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and loving especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Pamela Lawson, Monsignor George Weaver

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Alice & Tate Siddle, Mary Collins, Sr Margaret White, Honorable Bruce McPherson, Ivy & Merv Devlin, Norrie Brennan

Those who are sick:

James Elliot, Dot Williams, Michelle Toeke, Kahyam Baines, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Paul Gaynor, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Michael Hogan, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

JOIN THE TEAM... if you have any of these skills

Writing | Scrapbooking | Research | Journalism | Pinterest | Photo shopping | Graphics and design
Photography | Editing/proof reading | Proficiency in IT e.g. Microsoft & Adobe | Scanning photographs
Interviewing (parishioners' stories)

We need you to help compile our **Parish Centenary Celebration Book**.



Interested? - please contact, Cate, Eileen, Helen and Geraldine through the designated email stagathacentenarybook@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office 3262 2859 and they will pass on your details.

As part of our centenary at St Agatha's, we are also planning to celebrate 100 years of *tying the knot* at the parish. By sending in your wedding image, you will have a chance to be part of a commemorative poster to mark the centenary. So if you were married at the church or know someone who was, feel free to email your wedding shot (at the church) to stagathasweddings@gmail.com. Please use the following wording in the subject line of the email: "WEDDING - (YOUR SURNAME)". This will make it easier for us to keep a track of the photos. Please also include the names of the couple, their wedding date and a contact number in the email so we can get in touch. Some images may be used on our social media platforms. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ainsley Crutcher on 0417792212.

MORNING TEAS AFTER 9AM MASS DURING OCTOBER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. St Agatha is the patron Saint of breast cancer and to pay our respects to those suffering, recovering or who have died from breast cancer, we will be holding morning teas after each 9am Mass throughout October - starting Sunday 8 October. You will have the opportunity to make a donation to the local charity "Mummy's Wish" at each of the morning teas.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

Your generosity towards St Agatha's Parish can go on forever when you include our parish endowment fund in your Will. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions to the parish come from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to parish ministries forever. For more information on naming St Agatha's Parish in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or the parish office.

INVITATION - ALPHA

Aggies Youth invites all young adults 18+ to join us for ALPHA evenings, starting on Friday 15 September and running through to 1 December. ALPHA is a weekly opportunity for a group to meet, to share a simple meal, watch a short film and talk about God, the world and faith in Jesus. It is not a lesson. It is a journey of discussion and discovery. **Where:** Nundah Library Meeting Room, 1 Bage St. Nundah
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm **Contact:** Ewan McPherson 0423 452 011 or Anne O'Connor 0419 796 988

POSITION VACANT (READVERTISED) - CATHOLIC PASTORAL CARER/TEAM LEADER

Applications are open for this position at the Wesley Hospital. A person experienced in the provision and leadership of Catholic pastoral care within an ecumenical team in a hospital setting, and with appropriate qualifications, is required for a part time position of up to 20 hours per week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to *careers*. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

A VOCATION VIEW: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

PARISH ROSTERS - Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

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| 14/15 Oct | Marian Nolan Ann Goves | Sr Cecily Foster Aleira Egan | Clare Smethurst Trish Ryan Jane Arkinstall | Life Teen Mass |
| 21/22 Oct | <i>Volunteer</i> Lauren McMullan | Kate O'Neill Annette Riba | Heidi Cooper Michael Crutcher Ryan Smethurst | Life Teen Mass |

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

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| 14/15 Oct | Edward Foley | Helen Roberts | <i>Volunteer</i> | Life Teen Mass |
| 21/22 Oct | <i>Volunteer</i> | <i>Volunteer</i> | Christine Iannarella | Life Teen Mass |

ORGANISTS:

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| 14/15 Oct | <i>Volunteer</i> | <i>Volunteer</i> | Catriona McPherson | Life Teen Mass |
| 21/22 Oct | <i>Volunteer</i> | <i>Volunteer</i> | Jenny McKeon | Life Teen Mass |

ALTAR SERVERS:

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| 14/15 Oct | Eve Ryan Claire Ryan | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey | Caitlin Marshall Ella Shepherd |
| 21/22 Oct | Joe Douglas Lachlan Hinneberg | <i>Volunteer/s</i> | Daniel Benjamin Sofia Iannarella | Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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| 15 Oct | | | Julie Kordic & Ewa Marino-Cebulski | |
| 22 Oct | | | Ewan McPherson & Giulia Coorey | |

SANCTUARY CARERS:

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| 21 Oct | Beverley O'Brien | | | |
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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

We hold a preparation session for baptism on the first Sunday of the month after the 9.00am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

PIETY STALL

Variety of items for sale including birthday cards, rosary beads and various gifts. Come in and have a browse.

ALL HALLOWS 70 YEAR REUNION

A 70 year Reunion at All Hallows for Juniors/Commercials from 1947 will be held on Saturday 28 October.

For details and bookings contact Catharine Courtney
cmcourtney1@bigpond.com or 3862 7890.

ALL HALLOWS ANNUAL PAST PUPILS MASS

The All Hallows' 'Past Pupils' are invited to attend the Annual Mass and Biennial Meeting in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday 28 October at 10.30am followed by morning tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost towards morning tea is \$20.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au under Quicklinks. RSVP no later than Tuesday 23 October, 2017. For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson Foundation Manager and Past Pupil School Liaison on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au.

Limited parking is available at the school.

OCTOBER IS
**BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH**



LOVE MAKES A WAY

A MULTI-FAITH WORKSHOP

on Changing the conversation about people seeking asylum.

How can communities of faith respond with compassion and justice, guided by teachings to treat others as we want to be treated, welcome the stranger and recognise the dignity of all people?

North side - Sunday 29 October 1-5pm

Aspley-Albany Creek Anglican Church Hall | 30 Ridley Rd, Bridgeman Downs

RSVP: action.qld@asrc.org.au 0432 699 934

Readings - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22 October 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21